Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the Road Safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.

14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.

18. Special night checking on Highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Maintenance of National Highways

1129. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of road accidents in the country is highest in the World;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government monitor the conditions of the existing National Highways being maintained by State agencies as to the quality of material used and the width of roads etc.;

(d) what are the reasons that the width of the National Highways in Orissa has gradually been reduced; and

(e) the details of the action proposed to be taken to enforce proper width of the Highways and also proper maintenance thereof in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The rate of road accidents in India in 1986, the period for which comparative figures in respect of other countries is available, was 20.56 per thousand vehicles. This was then not the highest in the World.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The width of National Highways in the country, including the State of Orissa, is not reduced. In fact, the National Highways are being widened in a planned menner, as per the requirements & availability of resources. National Highways are also being maintained regularly within the funds available so as to keep them in traffic worthy conditions.

Construction of 4-lane bridge near ITO

1130. SHRI SURESH KALMADI. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to construct a new 4-line bridge near ITO bridge over Yamuna in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the construction is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work which is to

be executed by Delhi Administration has not yet been awarded. It is therefore, too early to indicate the expected date of its completion.

Display of fare chart in buses

1131. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private buses under D.T.C. have displayed fare chart near entry gate;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the relevant instructions for such display;

(c) whether Governent propose to direct the Mini Bus operators and operators of Buses plying under permits issued by S.T.A. to display similar fare charts near entry gate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) DTC have issued instructions to private operators to display prominently the fare chart of the route on the bus body panel adjacent to the rear entrance gate. Random checks carried out by DTC have indicated that most of the private buses operating under DTC are displaying fare chart outside the entry gate.

(c) and (d) As per the terms and conditions of the Stage Carriage Permits, the permit holder is required to display the fare chart on the vehicle. Delhi Administration are issuing instructions to private bus operators under STA Permits to display fare chart near the entry gate.

Use of red-cross on vehicles

1132. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private vehicles in Delhi plying with 'Red Cross' emblem indicate the user of vehicles as Medico-men;

(b) whether Government are aware that some private vehicle owners of Delhi have got the red cross painted on their vehicles without any authority;

(c) whether this is due to non-checking of vehicles by officials of transport Directorate of Delhi;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take some action to ensure that only deserving vehicle owners use such sign in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It has been noticed that some private vehicles ply with the 'Red-Cross' emblem. No permission is required for painting the Red Cross on the vehicles, and vehicles painted with Red-Cross do not get any special consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

नैनी में यमुना नदी पर पुल

1133. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नैनी/इलाहाबाद में यमुना नदी पर पुल के निर्माण की परियोजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उसमें कितना व्यय होने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) परियोजना इस समय किस चरण में है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य-मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) इस स्कीम में 1640 मीटर लम्बे पुल तथा दोनों ओर 4 लेन वाले कैरिजवे के साथ 3.8 कि० मीटर लम्बे पहुंच मार्गों का निर्माण शामिल है ।